

type on Armed—now renamed the National Security Committee.

We also re-added to the floor that we put there now 7,500 new slots, and so as not to get into micromanaging, we told the Secretary of Defense, fine gentleman, Mr. Perry, "Look, here is 7,500 birds. You need them in Patriot missile batteries. You may need them in the Air Force and AWAC's. You may need them in the Marine Corps in certain areas where the Marines are stretched too thin. You pick them out for us, and, if we have disagreement with you, try not to micromanage. We will counsel together and figure out where we can put these slots."

Now I had an account for something else, and it looks like the battle is over. Even though you know just about everything on that Rules Committee, you do not know that I just went over to the Senate and asked my equivalent over there—we served with him, one of our class of '80, great Members in the House, DAN COATS, Senator, Indiana, chairman of their Military—

Mr. SOLOMON. Great Senator.

Mr. DORNAN. Right.

He told me he will put in his chairman's mark my HIV language, and it is not cruel. It simply says, as you and I have spoken, that if you have contracted the AIDS virus, and nobody is left in the military who got it through polluted blood.

You and I know that the odds are a 100 to 1, a 1,000 to 1, 10,000 to 1 you got it from violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice. You put a dirty needle in your arm. That is the biggest category out of the roughly 400. You went to an off-limits house of prostitution where 100 percent of the prostitutes are infected with AIDS—the killing venereal disease virus—or you went to an off-limits homosexual bar. That is the smallest of the three categories. You are going to get a honorable discharge, and you ought to thank your stars for it, and you got 6 months to pack up your bags. I hope the military will move paster because they are going to go "figmo," and you remember what that means, not much you can get out of somebody when they know they are going to leave in a few months and they are leaving a little disgruntled. They will get the world's best hospital treatment in the VA hospitals. You worked those hospitals for almost two decades here. They transfer even to the very same hospital where they are already getting care.

But here is the important part. I have actually bought our military by putting off active duty honorably 1,400 HIV carriers. Not only do we make the walking blood bank safer, but we now have 1,400 slots to add to the 7,500 of men and women who are deployable anywhere in the world, who can fly, shoot, sail, and get in an armored vehicle, JERRY.

These people could not do any of this, and we have put off active duty, Mr. Speaker, 8,114 good, patriotic Americans because they did not have the will

power to control their diet, for being overweight, and a few hundred for being underweight or too weak to do push-ups, lack of discipline. They are being honorably discharged.

How could we put our 8,000 people who have not violated the UCMJ, and, to be politically correct, keep on board 1,400 who cannot leave Virginia or California, if they were under the Naval Department, and not much else if they are Air Force or Navy? We have won that battle. No abortions in military hospitals. There is going to be a fight on the House floor.

Chairman COATS said he will put that in his mark, and next year, you will be happy to hear—and I am kind of an up front guy, that is my style, it is yours, too, JERRY—hearings on women in combat. We have agreed to have that this winter, hearings on "Don't ask."

I believe it is immoral not to tell a confused young person who maybe comes out of this all homosexual, weird high school in New York City that it is not compatible with military life. Democrat SAM NUNN's words, or IKE SKELTON, Democrat here in this House, other side of the aisle, good patriotic, gung-ho American whose son is in the First Armored Division in Europe. You must ask them so they can go, "Oh, I didn't know that. I won't join, then, if you don't want me." Instead, we bring them on board. They then get the news that then it is an administrative discharge and we wasted all that money.

We have fixed a lot of things, and there is more to fix, and, Chairman SOLOMON, you know how I look at this as a one-two punch in the 104th Congress. We have a lot of work left to do. We have got to work together.

Next year's defense bill will continue this earth-shaking bill that you have just discussed. It is going to be a great debate on the House floor, and hopefully this weekend I will be in Aviano hugging a lot of heroes over there and be back to give you a firsthand report; okay?

Mr. SOLOMON. We wish you well over there, and I will be interested in getting your report when you come back.

Mr. DORNAN. You got it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Thanks so much for being such a great Congressman.

Mr. DORNAN. You got it. Semper Fidelis, and, if I may say so, the Air Force is still aiming high. Off we go into the wild blue yonder, but not over Bosnia. Off the coast, stay out over the Adriatic.

I yield back the balance of my time. Have a good weekend, Mr. Speaker, and take care of all your Air Force guys down there in your neck of the woods.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-136) on the resolution (H. Res. 164) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1530) to authorize appro-

priations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DREIER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes each day, on June 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GONZALEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. BONIOR in six instances.

Ms. DELAuro in two instances.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

Mr. HINCHEY.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. COSTELLO.

Mr. CLEMENT.